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The American Numismatic and Archaeological Society of New York.

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CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS.

THE Society desiring to collect and preserve materials in order to enable the Historiographer to prepare and read before it, upon the demise of any member, a memorial of his life, these queries are forwarded to you with the earnest request that they may be answered *in extenso*, and returned without delay.

QUESTIONS.

1. What is your full name? *Answer.*

Samuel Howe Belden

2. What were the names of your parents? *A.*

Robert H. Belden and Cornelia E. Howe

3. What were the names of your grandparents? *A.*

*James Belden and Deborah Howell
Samuel Howe and Henrietta F. Pierce*

4. When and where were you born? *A.*

Brooklyn November 23rd 1862

5. If you are married, give the maiden name of your wife, and her residence, the names of her parents, the date of your marriage, and the place where you were married? *A.*

Not married

6. If you have had any children, give their names in the order of their birth. *A.*
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7. If any member of your family is deceased, give the name and date of death. *A.*

8. State where you were brought up and educated. *A.*

Educated at New Brunswick, prepared for Rutgers College (Class of 82) but went into the leather business in Newark N.J. instead of entering college

9. If you were graduated by any college, give the name and class. *A.*

10. State what degrees, if any, have been conferred, and by whom. *A.*

11. State your occupation; and if you are a member of any of the learned professions. *A.*

New York Custom House

12. If you have held any public office, either Municipal, State or Federal, state what, when, and for how long. *A.*

Have been in the Custom House in New York since 1886

13. If you have been connected with any corporations, or other societies, state in what manner. *A.*

I am a member of the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a corresponding member of the Buffalo Historical Society, Nevada Historical Society and Wyoming Historical Society

14. If you have written any book, pamphlet or article which has been printed, state when and where published, and give titles in full, and please furnish copies to the Library of the Society. *A.*

15. If any biographical sketch of you or history of your family has been printed, please refer to it? *A.*

16. Give in detail any incidents which have gone to make up the history of your life; acquaintance with distinguished men, etc.; in fact, everything that should be presented in a memorial of your life. *A.*

17. If any of your ancestors or descendants have held important positions of honor or trust, please give details. *A. My great-great-grandfather (on my mother's side) was an officer in the Revolution and postmaster of New York City from 1789 to 1803. (see sketch of him enclosing)*

18. If you can give the name of the first ancestor of the family in this country, please do so. *A.*

NOTE.—Please also send to the Society, for its Album, a photographic likeness of yourself, with your autograph beneath it, if you have not already done so; and donations of anything you may have written will be particularly acceptable, as well as contributions germane to its Library and Cabinets.

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Belden

* Weissenfels, Frederick H., Baron de, born in Prussia in 1738; died in New Orleans, La., May 14, 1806. During his early life he was an officer both in the Prussian and the British service; but emigrating to this country, he settled in 1763 in Dutchess Co., N. Y. He became Lieutenant-Colonel of the 3d N. Y. battalion in 1776, and afterward commanded the 2d N. Y. battalion at White Plains, Trenton, the battles of Saratoga, and the battle of Monmouth. He accompanied Sullivan's expedition against the Six Nations in 1779, and fought at Newton. The war left him impoverished; and at the time of his death he filled a minor office at New Orleans. He was honored by a military funeral, in recognition of his services at White Plains, Trenton, the battles of Saratoga, Monmouth, and Sullivan's expedition. One of his daughters' descendants is Mr. E. Ellery Anderson, a lawyer in New York City. He was also one of the original founders of the Society of the Cincinnati; and his fellow Germans deserve to be chronicled here in appreciation of their share in the great work of securing the independence of the American Republic. One of these, and his associate in founding the Cincinnati, was Sebastian Bauman,—who, by the way, has not had the recognition which he deserves, and therefore we give for the benefit of future historians a sketch of his life.

Sebastian Bauman was born at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, April 6, 1739, and was educated as a military engineer at Heidelberg University. He emigrated to this country when quite young, and settled in New York as a merchant. He served through the Revolution as major in Colonel Lamb's regiment of artillery, being commissioned by the New York Provincial Congress early in 1776. At the evacuation of New York by the Americans, on September 15, 1776, he was the last officer to leave the city. He was left in the morning with orders to bring off what artillery remained; but being cut off from the rest of the army by the extension of the British lines across the island, after the landing at Kipp's Bay, he waited until nightfall, when he succeeded in transporting his guns—two howitzers—and men to Paulus Hook. He also served in the northern campaigns of 1776 and 1777, and was in command of the artillery at West Point, from 1779 to 1781. In 1781 he took part in the siege of Yorktown, and at the close of that campaign returned to West Point, where he remained until the close of the war. In 1782 he published, from his own surveys, the only American map of the siege of Yorktown. He took part in the entry of the American army into New York on November 23, 1783, being in command of the artillery, viz., two companies of the second (Colonel Lamb's) regiment. When the army was disbanded he returned to New York and resumed his old mercantile pursuits, taking, however, command of the New York regiment of artillery in the State service. In October, 1789, he was appointed postmaster of New York, which position he held until his death, October 19, 1803, the anniversary of the surrender of Cornwallis. A great-great-grandson, Bauman L. Belden, now (1891) resides at Elizabeth, N. J.

The statement of the writer, that so many French and Prussian officers were in General Gates' army, is quite a new revelation. There were doubtless, however, numbers of foreigners fighting on the side of the colonists, whose names have not come down to us.

Will shortly be
published in
a work on Revolutionary
History by
Wm L. Stone

